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Sent: Monday, February 09, 2015 4:30 PM
To: Closson, Dee A -FS
Subject: RE: Corrected Items for Sunshine CG Withdrawal Revocation

Sorry - that isn't what I meant. The two are not directly related. BLM needs to consult on the NEPA review of the withdrawal, but the Decision rests not with the FS but with the Secretary of Interior.

This is really a chicken/egg conundrum, and it isn't clear to me how that gets resolved. The FS needs to complete NEPA regarding the exchange, but the exchange can't happen without the withdrawal that needs to be approved by the Secretary.

In looking at other cases, I see where a CX was done for the withdrawal as a stand-alone action. Maybe that will be the way to go. I'll call Mike in the morning to see how these two pieces fit together in the processing of things.

I'm so sorry that we don't have a Withdrawal expert on hand here in CSO to help me help you. We are both experiencing the down-side of BLM not being able to back-fill positions while the "expert" is still on board. I'm guessing the FS is feeling the same pain.

Respectfully,

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So if we modify the Decision Notice as you stated below, then I don't have to consult directly with the BLM Field Office, correct?

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I think just adding the BLM to the list of Federal, State and Local Agencies consulted will be sufficient.

When composing the Draft Decision, be sure to style the portion related to the Withdrawal Revocation as a RECOMMENDATION to the Secretary of Interior to approve the revocation - because that is a Secretary level decision. Does that make sense?

Respectfully,

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We already had a comment period for the draft EA. Next week we will release the final EA with the draft Decision Notice to the public.

No the BLM was not a cooperating agency in the development of the EA. We didn't know that they needed to be. I will contact the BLM. Are there any more contacts that have to made for this? Please tell me now. We have to get this withdrawal package out of the State Office!

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When you say "release to the public" - do you mean for the comment period, or will that be the final EA with the FONSI and decision attached?

And, was the BLM Field Office a cooperating agency in development and review of the EA? If not, would you please coordinate with them (with documentation that I can provide to WO when I send in the package)? I'll do what I can from this end to encourage the FO to respond as quickly as possible.

Respectfully,

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Hi Steve

Here are all of the corrected documents that you asked for. We have not released the EA

to the public yet, so this is the draft. We plan to release the EA to the public within the

next two weeks. The withdrawal revocation is listed on page 38.

Let me know of any additional edits.

Thanks!

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